

## Team teaching

### What is team teaching?

- Two or more teachers
- Share teaching responsibility
- For a single group of students
- Mostly in a single classroom
- For specific content
- With mutual ownership, pooled resources and joint responsibility
- Although each individual's level of participation may vary.

### Basis for selecting a team teaching approach

- Student characteristics and needs
- Teacher characteristics and needs
- Curriculum (content and teaching strategies)
- Pragmatic considerations e.g. teaching space

### Team teaching approaches

- One teach, one observe
- One teach, one drift
- Parallel teaching
- Station teaching
- Alternative teaching
- Team teaching

### Topics for team teachers to discuss

1. Content
2. Expectations for students
3. Planning
  - a. time for planning
  - b. who does what part
4. Lesson format: who does what
  - a. for teachers
  - b. for students
5. Parity (how it will be clear that both teachers have the same status in the classroom)
6. Space
  - a. for teachers
  - b. for students
7. Noise and each teacher's tolerance for it
8. Teaching routines
9. Organisational routines
10. The definition of 'help'
11. Discipline procedures for the classroom
12. Feedback including when and how to discuss issues with each other
13. Student assessment
14. Teaching chores e.g. marking, photocopying
15. Responsibilities and procedures when there is a casual teacher
16. Confidentiality
17. Pet peeves
18. Other